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## Love Struck has Gained New Meaning Over Time

*The following article is based on information provided by folklorist Pauline Greenhill, Women's Studies, and medievalist Carol Harvey, French Department.*

For centuries, people young-at-heart have marked Feb. 14 as the traditional day for choosing sweethearts and exchanging gifts. According to an old country belief, birds naturally knew what to do on this day, too. In Chaucer's 14th-century book *The Parlement of Foules* he refers to a once common belief that Feb. 14 is the day birds also choose their mates.

This is only one of the myths surrounding the day of romance named for St. Valentine, the patron saint of love. But it is the date of his death, more than his life, which accounts for the traditional day. Valentine was a Roman priest stoned and beheaded for his deep religious beliefs on Feb. 14, 269 AD, the eve of Lupercalia. This was a Roman fertility festival in which mates were chosen by lot and young men, dressed only in goat-skin thongs, ran about striking women in hopes of making them fruitful.

Eventually, Lupercalia gave way to Christian ceremony but a few of the pagan traditions lingered on to become part of the celebrations honouring St. Valentine on Feb. 14, the anniversary of his death.

Throughout the Middle Ages, St. Valentine's Day evolved into the festival of exchanging gifts and cards as we know it today.

The first card with a love poem is believed to have been sent in the 15th century. Charles d'Orléans, third in line to the French throne, was captured by the English in 1415 during the Battle of Agincourt and held for ransom. Throughout his 25 years as a prisoner, d'Orléans wrote love songs and poetry for his young wife waiting for his return in France. It was a poem sent to his wife commemorating St. Valentine's Day that is said to be the first valentine.

The custom of giving gifts began in England where the selection of mates and sending gifts were combined with the symbols of fertility and springtime. Great sums of money were put out for gifts in the name of true love, sometimes exceeding the value of gifts given at Christmas.

Cards became popular in the 18th century after lavish presents became unstylish. At first, the cards were handmade, painted with hearts and flowers and inscribed with an original, short poem, but this soon gave way to the commercial card. Ready-made poems and cards brightly decorated with ribbon, lace and perfume, became a popular and lasting means of saving time and effort.

The tide of cards sent through the mail for St. Valentine's Day didn't wane until near the end of Queen Victoria's reign when the tidings began to be humorous or even vulgar and cruel. It wasn't until the 1930s that romance returned to St. Valentine's Day and young lovers, and lovers young-at-heart, once again began to exchange tokens of affection.

## Canadian Studies Keeps Up with Times

*The University of Winnipeg's Canadian Studies program has been working hard to help students keep up with the rapidly changing Canadian structure.*

The program's latest innovation is to offer a course that is relevant to current Canadian issues. Currently, "Aboriginal Self-Government" is being taught by visiting professor Doris Young. In addition to her work at both the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, Young acted as senior researcher for the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry.

"The course, which will be offered for three years, has been very popular with the students," says Alden Turner, Coordinator of the University's Canadian Studies program.

Turner points out Canadian Studies has attracted signifi-

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## History Graduate Students Garner Prizes

Three alumni of The University of Winnipeg were winners in the Manitoba Historical Society's Margaret McWilliams Competition.

Erica Smith, BA (Hons) '89, MA '91, was University Thesis Medal Winner, for her MA thesis "Something More Than Mere Ornament: Cloth and Indian-European Relationships in the Eighteenth Century."

Smith is a graduate of the joint Master of Arts program offered by the Departments of History of The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. She is now pursuing a PhD at Carleton University.

University Essay Medal Winner was Raymond Beaumont, BA '63. His essay, "Origins and Influences: The First Years of the Reverend Henry Budd," was written for a graduate course in history.

Honourable Mention for University Thesis went to Ruth Swan, MA '91, for "Ethnicity and the Canadianization of Red River Politics."

Swan is also a graduate of the joint Master of Arts program and is now pursuing a PhD at the University of Manitoba.

The Margaret McWilliams Competition recognizes research and writing that makes a valuable contribution to Manitoba history. Competition winners were announced at the society's annual Sir John A. Macdonald Anniversary dinner held in January.

## Aboriginal Conference Begins with Traditional Dancers

The University of Winnipeg is presenting a First Nations Traditional Evening on Thurs., Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Duckworth Centre.

The ceremonies will mark the beginning of the University's "Understanding Communities: Dialogue on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education" conference, Feb. 18 - 20.

Canadian Native Friendship Centre Metis Tradition Dancers will be special guests at the traditional evening. The Edmonton-based teen dance group has been entertaining audiences for over five years with traditional, colourful dances.

Winnipeg's Children of the

Earth Square Dancers will also be performing at the opening event. The local dancers are members of Winnipeg School Division #1's Aboriginal High School.

Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi will give the keynote address. Traditional drum ceremonies, singing and additional dance exhibitions will also be performed.

Admission to the traditional evening is free.

Over 400 people from across Canada have already registered for the three-day conference. Through a series of guest speakers, exhibits, displays and workshops, the conference aims to explore issues

in post-secondary education from aboriginal perspectives as well as discuss the aboriginal community's involvement with an eye to self government. Representatives from Manitoba Assembly of First Nations and Manitoba Metis Federation will be among the six keynote speakers addressing the participants.

Over \$48,500 in funding for the conference was raised through the University, government funding, and grants from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Universities Grants Commission.

## Collegiate Grad Receives Major Fellowship

University of Winnipeg Collegiate graduate Nola Buhr has been awarded a \$54,000 doctoral fellowship under Canada's Green Plan Eco-Research program. There were 31 successful candidates from across Canada.

The purpose of the Eco-Research program is to train Canada's next generation of environmental scientists and engineers. It also encourages the Canadian academic community to address regional ecosystem problems through interdisciplinary research.

Canada's Green Plan is a federal government plan for halting the pollution of our natural environment. The Eco-Research program is administered by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Medical Research Council (MRC).

Buhr graduated from The Collegiate in 1975. Her research project "Environmental Responsibility, Legislation and Corporate Disclosures," will be undertaken at the University of Western Ontario.

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cant government and private sector support for programs and activities. "Between the Secretary of State, the Bronfman Foundation and Manufacturer's Life, \$50,000 was raised to support the Aboriginal Self-Government course," says Turner. "We hope to continue attracting outside backing as well as greater support from within the University as it reviews and develops teaching and curriculum programs."

The program has become involved in other partnerships. Canadian Studies is working with the University and CIBC

to present "Understanding Communities: Dialogue on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education," Feb. 18 to 20. Over 400 people from across Canada have already registered for the three-day conference.

The Canadian Studies program has also been involved in an academic exchange with the University of Prague in the Czech Republic. For each of the past two years, a member of The University of Winnipeg's faculty has taught a course in Prague. Beginning in May, 1993, Miroslav Jindra from Prague will teach

one literature course during the spring session at The University of Winnipeg.

"The University has shown support and interest in more innovative approaches to teaching and learning and we feel Canadian Studies has been able to contribute to that progressive vision," says Turner. "In the future, we would like to continue to develop courses in areas where innovation is possible and desirable."

*This is the first in a series of articles highlighting The University of Winnipeg's interdisciplinary programs.*

## It's Late, You're Alone... Be Aware

Campus security and the Students' Association continue to offer escorts for staff and students heading home after working in the evening or late into the night.

The Student Safewalk Service, a free program offered by The University of Winnipeg Students' Association, is run by a team of volunteers. Escorts will ensure students arrive safely at their cars or bus stop and will wait until the bus or cab arrives. This service operates from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday.

A similar service, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is offered by the University's Security Department.

The Safewalk area includes the University campus bounded by the north side of Ellice, west side of Langside, south side of Portage and east side of Memorial Boulevard.

Between September and January, the Students' Association Safewalk escorted 35 people. As well, the Security Department has ensured 222 people arrived safely at their destination.

The student service operates out of Room 1C05 near the Information Booth. The campus Security Office, Room 1C33, is located behind the Information Booth. Staff and students can also call the office at 786-9235 for assistance.



*The Student-Parent Forum, held Feb. 4, gave visitors a chance to explore the campus and discover the many programs and services the University has to offer.*



## Board Report

# Wesmen No. 1 on Board Agenda

Another change in the life of the Board of Regents took place when the Board began its first meeting of 1993 on Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. instead of the traditional 8 p.m.

One of the first actions of the Regents was to approve a motion to extend congratulations to our basketball and volleyball teams for achieving a "first" in the CIAU when all four teams were ranked "Number One" in their respective divisions! This is an outstanding accomplishment and we are very proud of all those who made this achievement possible.

President Hanen, in her report to the Board, commented on the brief The University of Winnipeg presented to the University Review Commission in December.

She noted that the brief itself was very well received and encouraged Regents to make individual submissions.

The President notified the Board that the 1993-94 budgeting process had begun. A budget advisory committee has been formed to assist in the formation of the budget, following the input of the various budget managers. Also, an advisory committee on human relations has been constituted and is at work.

In an item brought forward from the previous meeting, Dr. Hanen provided a report updating actions taken and proposed for the priority recommendations of the report "Towards Gender Equality." A summary report will be made to the Board in March. The remaining recommendations

were referred to the Human Resources Committee for report to the Board in June 1993.

The regular financial reports were provided, with comment, along with a report of the Work Study Program, including criteria for eligibility and a list of projects and supervisors currently in place. This appears to be a practical program providing both financial help and work experience for those who qualify. The Board approved the Finance Committee's Endowment Investment Plan. Two plans, the Pension Plan and the Pension Investment Policy with amendments as required by government regulations, were presented by the Pension Committee and approved by the Board.

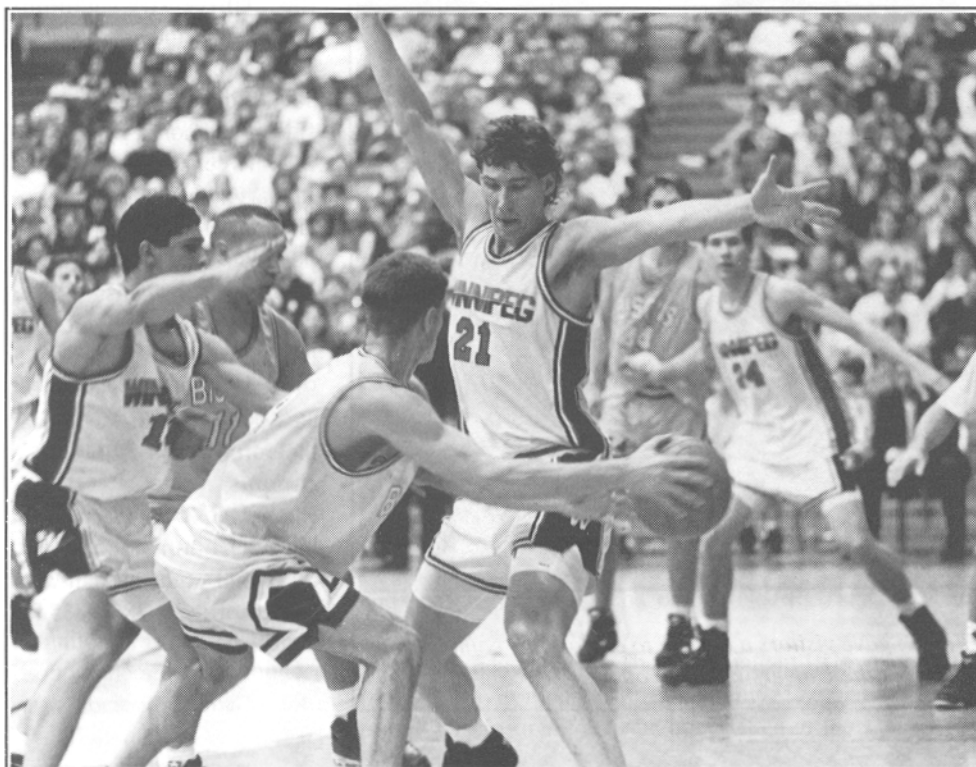
Of special interest was the

report from the External Relations Committee on the 1992 Annual Appeal, with the goal of \$150,000 exceeded by \$5,000. The target for 1993 was set at \$190,000.

The University Affairs Committee reported initiating a review of the Institute of Urban Studies and presented a number of nominations which the Board ratified.

Other items dealt with included the Human Resources Committee report, with recommendations for the revision of the Research Committee, adoption of a policy on adjunct appointments, and a policy on employee organizations and employee groups.

The Board Executive reported on action taken by the officers regarding a possible extension or renewal of the president's term of appointment. Given President Hanen's willingness to renew her appointment, a review committee has been established (in keeping with the agreement between the president and the Board).



*University of Winnipeg basketball player Jeff Foreman blocks a pass to University of Manitoba players in the Duckworth Challenge. The University of Winnipeg Wesmen went on to beat the Bisons 89 to 71.*

## Employee Changes

Nov. 16, 1992 to  
Jan. 15, 1993

### Appointments

Leanne Ruff  
Child Care Worker,  
Infant Centre

Colleen Little  
Office Assistant 3  
Continuing Education

Erin Booth  
Admin. Assistant 2  
V.P. (Academic) Office

Vivian Giesbrecht  
Office Assistant 4  
Economics/Germanic Studies

### Resignations

Carson Yuen  
Technician 4  
Technical Services

Ruth Schultz Ronald  
Child Care Worker  
Infant Centre

### Leave of Absence

Ruth Badertscher  
Admin. Assistant 2  
Theology

Victoria Smith  
Office Assistant 3  
Admissions  
(Maternity)

Connie Lambert  
Office Assistant 4  
Psychology  
(Maternity)

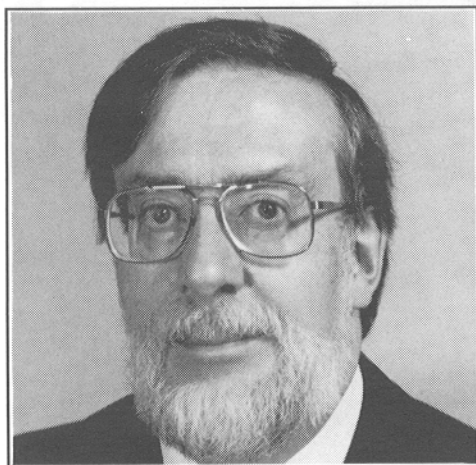
### Name Change

Kim Dram  
To: Kim Loeb  
Continuing Education

### Normal Retirement

Peter Derksen  
Physical Plant

## History Professor says Canadians must Continue to Fight for Rights



*History Professor Don Bailey believes the rights of Canadians have a strong tie with the past.*

A long-time proponent of human rights and civil liberties, History Professor Don Bailey is sharing his experience with the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties.

MARL is a provincial, non-government, non-profit group dedicated to furthering human rights and civil liberties. The volunteer group now has over 400 members, more than double the number since its start.

A member of the group since its inception in 1978, Bailey was recently elected vice-president. In addition to his role on the Executive Committee, he is also a member of the Charter of Rights and Legislative Review Committee.

Bailey's work at The University of Winnipeg has a strong parallel with his outside efforts. As a history professor he believes freedom and justice are two important rights which, historically, have often been attacked and undermined by governments, churches and private organizations.

MARL works to protect the rights of all Canadians through public education, reviewing and researching rights and liberties issues, submitting briefs to government, and advocacy and information support.

MARL was instrumental in bringing the

issue of compulsory prayer in public schools to court. The group was successful in its bid, but Bailey says they still face another year or two of pressuring the provincial government to set guidelines for options in light of the void now left in provincial legislation.

A long-standing issue for MARL has been aboriginal rights. In a policy statement released last summer, which Bailey helped to write, it was argued that aboriginal rights and land claims were not being fully recognized under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and they, of course, raise issues going way beyond the Charter. Bailey says MARL must promote media attention to keep the issue before the public.

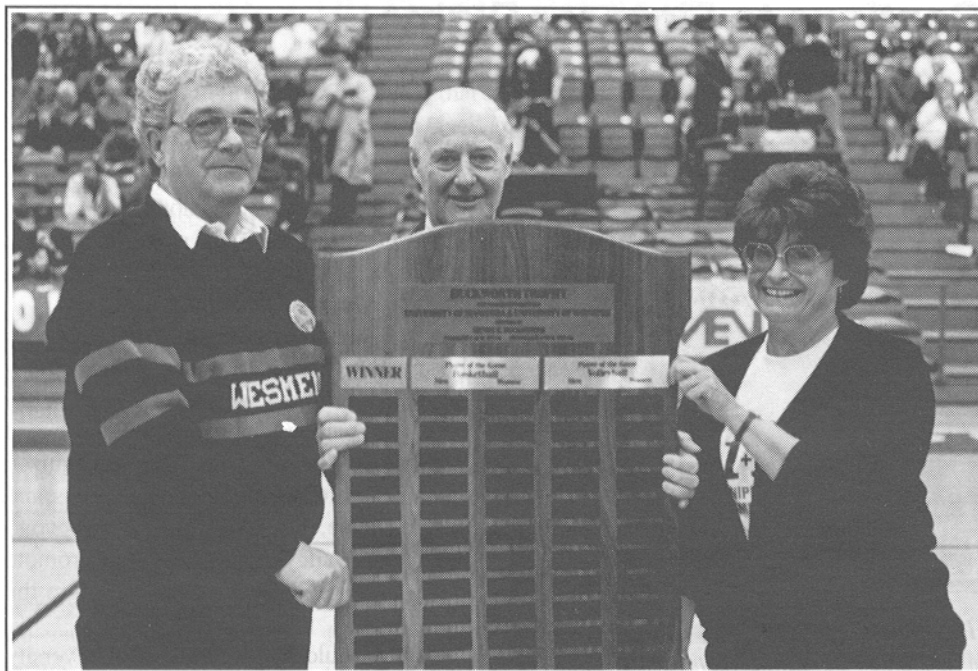
Bailey would like to see other University faculty become involved in MARL as the two organizations are so closely interdependent. He says the university's role is to nourish the traditions and conventions of society as well as to challenge and change those conventions. To this end, groups like MARL protect our freedom to speak, publish and teach.

Bailey says MARL suffers from a lack of public interest. People believe their rights and freedoms are secure in Canada when in fact some Canadians are frequently under threat. It isn't until issues such as abortion, pornography or hate literature surface that Canadians are forced to re-think what they mean by freedom.

MARL shouldn't be treated like a church, says Bailey, and only used for weddings and funerals. If it's not supported in stable times, it won't be there when the situation is critical.

*Note: in edition would like to print other stories about community service involvement of faculty and staff. Please call Lois Cherney at 786-9134 in University Relations.*

## Wesmen Bring Home the Shield



Henry E. Duckworth, president emeritus of The University of Winnipeg (centre), proudly displays the Duckworth Trophy with Aubrey Ferris, Director of Recreation and Athletic Services, and University President Marsha Hanen, following the Wesmen's unprecedented sweep of the Duckworth Challenge.

All four University of Winnipeg Wesmen teams defeated their challengers from the University of Manitoba in the second annual Duckworth Challenge.

A large turnout at Duckworth Centre on Sat., Jan. 30 cheered as the men's and women's basketball teams continued their winning streak. "We had two new recruits here that weekend," says Bill Wedlake, men's basketball coach. "They were very impressed by the large turnout of fans at Duckworth Centre, and by the enthusiasm of the crowd."

Thor Oleson, men's basketball, tied a school record with six three-point shots. "This is Thor's first year with us. To tie a University record and then be named player of the game was a thrill for him."

"Our whole team played very well, and it was one of the most satisfying wins of the year," says Wedlake. "I played for Manitoba back in the '60s, so beating them is always exciting for me!"

According to Tom Kendall, women's basketball coach, the game was easier than the team had anticipated. "We played convincing offense, and in the second half of the game our defense prevented them from scoring points."

Sandra Carroll, women's basketball, scored 31 points in the game. "As a result of her outstanding performance she was named Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) female athlete of the week," says Kendall.

"We tend to underestimate the effect a full house can have on players," says Kendall of the large turnout at Duckworth Centre.

"The enthusiasm was fantastic, and the players certainly responded to that. I hope everyone will continue to come out and support the teams."

The final scores were: men's basketball 89 - 71, women's basketball 87 - 61, men's volleyball (best out of five) 15-8, 15-5, 15-12, women's volleyball (best out of five) 15-12, 15-12, 15-9.

## Winona Stevenson Presents "Education is our Buffalo"

Winona Stevenson will give the Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture at The University of Winnipeg on Fri., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, 3rd Floor, Centennial Hall.

Stevenson will present "Education is our Buffalo: An Outline History of Aboriginal People and Post-Secondary Education in Canada." Her lecture will be part of the University's "Understanding Communities: Dialogue on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education" conference, Feb. 18 - 20.

Stevenson, whose background includes Cree, Saulteaux, Irish and English, is a member of the Fisher River First Nation in Manitoba. As well, she is a historian of colonial and neo-colonial Indian-White relations with emphasis on Western Canada.

Stevenson is currently on leave from the Native Studies Department, University of Saskatchewan while she works towards a PhD in the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley Campus.

The Chancellor's Lecture Series was established by former Chancellor R.O.A. Hunter to provide an opportunity for distinguished guests to lecture in the humanities.

## University Develops New Recruitment Technology

The University of Winnipeg is stepping into the future with help from the Thomas Sill Foundation.

The University has received a \$30,000 grant from the local foundation to develop a state-of-the-art, multi-media computer system to assist in student recruitment, says Monica Wood, director of enrolment management.

The new system, says Wood, will help the University deal more effectively with casual inquiries about programs.

"The extremely user-

friendly computer system will use video animation, sound and text images to allow people to access information at their leisure. It will include information on University programs, courses, services and resources."

"One of the most exciting things about the system," adds Wood, "is that the program is being developed especially for mature, access and special needs students and others not tied into the high school system."

"We are still hunting for space for the system," Wood

explains. "We have a few dollars put aside to make changes in the entrance to the admissions office. It would be best to locate it in a high traffic area near the counselling office."

A committee has been set up to call on various people from the University, including faculty, staff and students, to provide a variety of perspectives on the system's development.

"We are still in the process of collecting information for the data base and hiring script writers," says Wood. "We are

hoping to have the system up and running by September, 1993 but it will be a number of years until the system is running to maximum capacity."

In the future, Wood says components of the program could be put on floppy disks and housed in school libraries across the province so rural students who can't access the University can still preview the programs.

### In Memoriam Eric Wells

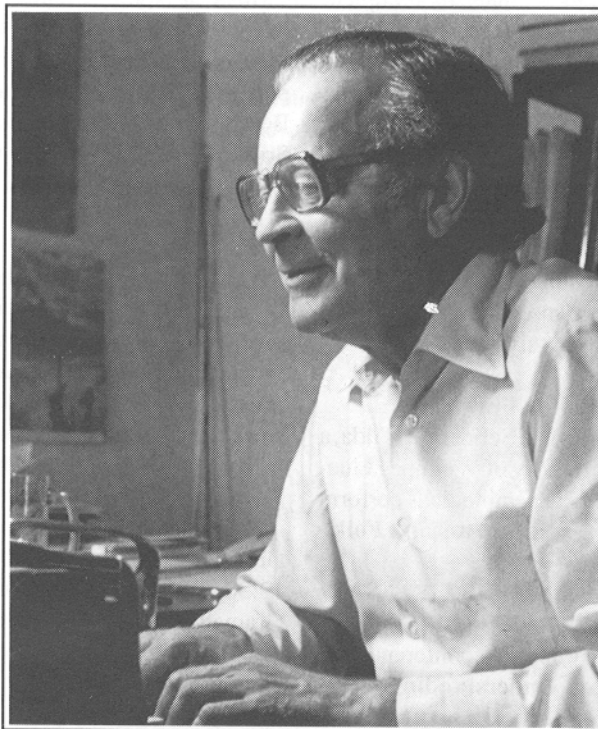
Eric Wells, a long-time friend of The University of Winnipeg, died in Winnipeg on Feb. 7. Wells was best known for his career in journalism, but on-campus, he will also be remembered for his contributions to The University of Winnipeg.

Wells, an avid historian, founded the Western Canada Pictorial Index in 1972. The WCPI, which contains more than 60,000 photographs illustrating the heritage of the West, is housed in the University's Media Department in Graham Hall.

"The index is a valuable asset to the University," said Steve Coppinger, associate vice-president of finance and administration. "The University will always be grateful for the dedication and work Eric and his co-worker Thora Cooke put into developing this resource."

His career in journalism began in his home town of Moose Jaw which led to further work in Regina, Saskatchewan. Following his service with the Armed Forces in the Second World War, Wells joined the *Winnipeg Tribune* in 1946 where he worked for 20 years. He also worked as a freelance writer for print, radio and television.

"Eric will be missed by everyone connected to the index within the community and the University," said History Professor Jennifer Brown, who has served on the advisory board for the index. "He was extremely knowledgeable about history and events, but most of all, he was a very warm and compassionate person."





# COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. If you are planning a campus event, please let us know. Send the information (in writing) to Lois Cherney, University Relations, Room 4W17. Basic details about your event are required: what, when, where, sponsor, and the name of a contact person. Submissions must be received at least 10 working days before the event.

SAT., FEB. 13

- The Margaret Laurence Chair in Women's Studies at the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba presents a lecture entitled "**Queer Tutelage**"-- learning and teaching about gay and lesbian culture in literature, by Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, Professor of English at Duke University, 4-6 p.m., Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

MON. FEB. 15

- FRI., FEB. 19  
- Mid-term reading period-classes cancelled.

MON., FEB. 15

- **The 24th annual University Bonspiel** will be held at the Granite Curling Club. Entries for individuals or complete teams should be sent to Leslie Payne, Printing Services, 786-9420.

WED., FEB. 17

- Skywalk Series: Ed Allen, Department of Psychology will lecture on **Centering a Lopsided Egg: Do We Communicate Some, Most or All of Ourselves?**

THURS., FEB. 18

- Skywalk Series: Big Tilda, a University of Winnipeg bluegrass ensemble, will perform **Blues, Bluegrass and Folk**.

THURS., FEB. 18 - SAT., FEB. 20

- A three-day conference entitled **Understanding Communities: Dialogue on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education** will be held on campus. For further information contact Alden Turner at 786-9321.

FRI., FEB. 19

- The Chancellor's Lecture will feature Winona Stevenson of the Native Studies Department at the University of Saskatchewan in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall at 7 p.m. The title of her lecture is **Education is Our Buffalo: An Outline History of Aboriginal People and Post-Secondary Education in Canada**.

MON., FEB. 22

- **Board of Regents** meeting at 8 p.m. in Room 2M70.

- I. Stirling, Canadian Wildlife Service, Edmonton, will lecture on **Potential Effect of Climate Change on Polar Bears**, from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Room 1L10.

- Music at Noon: **Stéphane Lemelin**, pianist from the University of Alberta, will play Bach's Partita #1 and Beethoven's Hammerclavier Sonata from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

WED., FEB. 24

- Skywalk Series: Kay Stone, Department of English, will speak on **Do Myths Have Power?: Stories as an Expression of our Deepest Sorrows, Joys and Aspirations**.  
- Music at Noon: **The Penderecki String Quartet**, in Residence at Wilfrid Laurier University, will perform from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Co-sponsored by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

THURS., FEB. 25

- Skywalk Series: **Danny Koulack**, banjo virtuoso, will perform **The Banjo, By Gosh!**

FRI., FEB. 26

- Music at Noon: **Ricardo Peres**, pianist from Brazil and winner of Arizona State University's Piano Performance Program, 1990, will perform from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

MON., MAR. 1 - FRI., MAR. 5

- **Religion and Life Week** will feature lectures by Maurice Friedman, Professor Emeritus of Religious studies, Philosophy and Comparative Literature at San Diego State University and co-director of the Institute for Dialogical Psychotherapy, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

WED., MAR. 3

- Skywalk Series: Don Campbell, Department of Physics, will lecture on **To The Edge of the Universe**.

- Music at Noon: Rodrigo "Papa Mambo" Muñoz with his Latin jazz group **Soul Sauce** will perform from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

THURS., MAR. 4

- Skywalk Series: Rodrigo Muñoz, guitar, will perform **Flamenco and Beyond: Spanish and Latin American Works for Guitar**.

FRI., MAR. 5

- Music at Noon: **An Opera Workshop** of staged excerpts from well-known operas will be performed by music students from the University of Manitoba under the direction of Mel Braun, from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

## Skywalk Series Continues

The Skywalk Series continues with lectures and concerts every Wednesday and Thursday, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., at the Winnipeg Centennial Library (2nd floor Auditorium, off the Skywalk). Check "Coming Events" for details.

## Food Services Changes Hours for Break

During the mid-term reading week, Feb. 15-19, The University of Winnipeg Food Services has adjusted their schedule as follows:

**Riddell Hall Cafeteria**  
Closed to accommodate conference

**Tony's Canteen**  
Closed

**Centennial Hall Buffeteria**  
Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily

**Lockhart Hall Buffeteria**  
Open 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday only

**Faculty and Staff Club**  
Open Mon. and Tues.  
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.